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October 4, 2016

Hon. Ronnie Abrams  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

**Ex parte**  
**By regular mail and ECF**

**Re: United States v. Michelle Morton, et al.,**  
**16 Cr. 371 (RA)**

Dear Judge Abrams:

I am the attorney appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act to represent Michelle Morton on the above-referenced Indictment. I write to request that due to the voluminous discovery materials that are being provided on a rolling basis by the Government, that the Court authorize my associate, Gerald B. Ryan, Esq., to perform 100 hours of professional services on behalf of Ms. Morton at the rate of \$90.00 per hour.

We thank the Court for considering this application.

Very truly yours,



Neil B. Checkman

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cc: Gerald B. Ryan, Esq. (In person)  
Michelle Morton (In person)